

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

While I strongly support efforts to help people recover from drug addiction, I am returning Assembly Bill 508 without my signature.

The current requirement for drug-related felons to participate in a drug treatment program, or provide evidence that drug usage has ceased, remains a viable intervention prior to eligibility in the Food Stamp Program. Such an intervention increases the opportunities for successful recovery from drug addiction and provides for more individual responsibility and accountability of individuals being released from incarceration for a drug-related felony conviction.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger